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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT:

CIA Representation on the Inter-departmental

Intelligence Committee

1. Please refer to your memorandum of 27 February 1951, and related memoranda, wherein you requested recommendations as to the advisability of having CIA representation on the Inter-departmental Intelligence Committee.

- 2. As you will note from our memorandum of 6 February 1951, this Committee consists of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the Office of Naval Intelligence, the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and the Director of the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force. The group meets once per month.
- 3. In view of the fact that the Committee is designed primarily to handle jurisdictional matters involved in internal security problems in the United States, it is not recommended that OSO be represented as such.
- 4. It is strongly recommended, however, that the DCI designate a CIA representative with authority to speak for the Agency as an entity as there is an increasing number of problems which concern indirectly the operations of OSO and OPC and, more directly, the problems of the Security Office, CIA, and the Office of Operations.
- 5. Our recommendation is predicated upon the fact that such membership would serve as an aid to strengthen coordination of intelligence problems generally. This is particularly necessary as it is accepted that any approach to an international enemy may not be cut off at geographical boundaries. OSO has a working liaison with the FBI and the other agencies represented. It is believed, however, that a joint approach to mutual problems such as international Communist activities, Soviet espionage activities, the possible establishment of reception and interrogation centers in the United States, the possible establishment in the United States of a "war room" to service counterespionage activities for military headquarters, the increasing possibility of the United States or its territorial possessions being operating bases for our activities, the problems of the Office of

Operations and its interviewing activities in this country, the investigative activities of the Security Office, and a number of related problems which occur almost daily, make it desirable that there be a policy determining group upon which we are represented to cope with these matters.

6. It is recommended that the ADSO, ADPC, ADOO or DD/P be designated as the CIA representative with power to act for the Agency. It is believed that were it possible for you to take on this additional burden your presence would be most desirable.

W. G. WYMAN Assistant Director Special Operations

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Inter-departmental Intelligence Committees

- 1. It appears that the Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC), of which the DCI is the Chairman, is the supreme international intelligence group for the United States.
- 2. The Inter-departmental Intelligence Committee (IIC) concerns itself with internal security matters. Its membership consists of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chairman; the Director of Naval Intelligence; the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2; and the Director, Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force. The Secretary of the Committee is Special Agent Sanders of the FBI. The group meets once per month.
- 3. A brief history of the group indicates that it was first conceived in 1939 and was designed primarily to settle jurisdictional disputes involving internal security responsibility. It served as the framework in which the various delimitation agreements were formulated for investigative responsibilities within the territorial limits of the United States and its possessions during World War II. It became somewhat inactive following World War II until 1947, at which time the Department of Defense conceived a plan for setting up a committee for handling all United States internal security matters. The IIC, apparently at the instigation of Director Hoover, objected to this new entity. A meeting was held, attended by the Attorney General, Mr. Hoover, the late Secretary Forrestal and Admiral Souers, at which time it was apparently decided to continue the IIC functions. This was formalized by National Security Council Directive 17/4, and has continued to the present.
- 4. It is not believed that any real purpose would be served in having OSO representation on this committee. Our "need to know" concerning internal matters is handled by our present liaison with the FBI and our observer relationship with the Inter-departmental Committee for Internal Security (ICIS).
- 5. The ICIS consists of members from the Departments of State, Justice, Army, Navy, Air Force, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and CIA. OSO sits as an observer. This group considers civil defense, public health, sanitary conditions, vulnerability to attack, etc.

6. A third committee which might be mentioned is the Interdepartmental Intelligence Committee for International Communism. OSO has a representative on this Committee. The Committee has proven abortive.

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- 7. The question of CIA as opposed to OSO representation on IIC is one of more complexity. We do have a real interest in internal security problems because of our physical establishments, including the training areas, visitors, agents in transit, activities of the Office of Operations, and the real responsibility of the Director as Director of Central Intelligence. It is believed, however, that the IIC as presently constituted concerns itself primarily with matters of jurisdiction and coordination of activities rather than the actual coordination or transmission of domestic intelligence. It may well be desirable to have representation on this group, but only in order to insure that CIA has an entity is receiving all domestic intelligence which is necessary to insure that its needs are covered.
- 8. There are two contemporary problems which may well justify CIA membership on the IIC. The first is the real interest of OSO and OPC, as well as the Agency as a whole, in the establishment of a committee which will have available all information on international Communism from all departments and agencies. The second aspect concerns purported plans to establish rather extensive interrogation centers within the United States. These will, of course, produce information of direct interest to all branches of CIA. It may well be that the inevitable trend for further participation in intelligence activities on the part of all agencies will make it necessary that CIA participate in all such committees for monitoring purposes.